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# H. R. 5156

To amend the Immigration and Nationality Act to provide citizenship for certain children of United States servicemen born overseas during the Vietnam and Korean Wars.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APRIL 27, 2012

Ms. ZOE LOFGREN of California (for herself, Mr. CONYERS, Ms. LORETTA SANCHEZ of California, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. HONDA, and Mr. CONNOLLY of Virginia) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## A BILL

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1       *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2       *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3       **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4       This Act may be cited as the “Amerasian Paternity  
5       Recognition Act of 2012”.

1 **SEC. 2. CITIZENSHIP FOR CERTAIN CHILDREN OF UNITED**  
 2 **STATES SERVICEMEN BORN OVERSEAS DUR-**  
 3 **ING THE VIETNAM AND KOREAN WARS.**

4 (a) IN GENERAL.—Title III of the Immigration and  
 5 Nationality Act (8 U.S.C. 1401 et seq.) is amended by  
 6 inserting after section 320 (8 U.S.C. 1431) the following:  
 7 “CERTAIN IMMIGRANTS BORN IN KOREA, VIETNAM, LAOS,  
 8 KAMPUCHEA, OR THAILAND; CONDITIONS UNDER  
 9 WHICH CITIZENSHIP AUTOMATICALLY ACQUIRED  
 10 “SEC. 321. A person automatically becomes a citizen  
 11 of the United States when the person is an alien lawfully  
 12 admitted to the United States, and residing in the United  
 13 States, having been issued an immigrant visa—

14 “(1) pursuant to a classification petition ap-  
 15 proved under section 204(f); or

16 “(2) under section 584 of the Foreign Oper-  
 17 ations, Export Financing, and Related Programs  
 18 Appropriations Act, 1988 (8 U.S.C. 1101 note), if  
 19 the person was considered a principal alien pursuant  
 20 to subsection (b)(1)(A) of such section.”.

21 (b) CLERICAL AMENDMENT.—The table of contents  
 22 of the Immigration and Nationality Act is amended by in-  
 23 serting after the item relating to section 320 the following  
 24 new item:

“Sec. 321. Certain immigrants born in Korea, Vietnam, Laos, Kampuchea, or  
 Thailand; conditions under which citizenship is automatically  
 acquired.”.

1       (c) EFFECTIVE DATE.—The amendments made by  
2 this section shall take effect 120 days after the date of  
3 the enactment of this Act and shall apply to individuals  
4 who satisfy the requirements of section 321 of the Immi-  
5 gration and Nationality Act (as added by subsection (a))  
6 before, on, or after such date.

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